

Applicants submit that these claims are supported by the application as filed. Additionally, the specification is being amended to acknowledge priority of this continuing application to U.S.S.N. 10/227,310; 09/814,132; and 09/403,263.

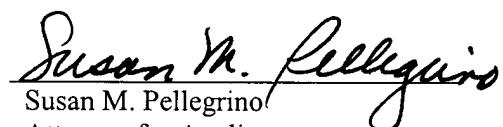
Conclusion

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-6450.

Respectfully submitted,

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